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## PRICES.

"Prices are going to continue high as long as people continue to be willing to pay the high prices in the opinion of the Philadelphia Record," says the Charleston News and Courier, "and people are still willing to pay the high prices." Thus Dunn's Review says:

"The present extreme prices apparently do not discourage purchasing where supplies are urgently required, either to fill immediate wants or for replenishment purposes, and consumption of staple articles and luxuries, even in sections where crop indications are disappointing, continues of notable dimensions. . . . The cost of footwear is mounting steadily, but trade continues active, and for some time past it has not been necessary for manufacturers to solicit orders."

Further evidence of the same sort is found, if it be needed, in the Commercial and Financial Chronicle which tells us:

"An active demands prevails for woollens and worsteds, and, according to selling agents, they are unable to fill the enormous inquiry for men's and dress goods. Manufacturers are reported to have scaled down orders and are understood to be preparing to make allotments for spring business, with buyers getting only part of the goods they require."

"And so it goes in practically all lines," adds the Charleston paper, "there are plenty of people who are willing to buy even at the prices which prevail. In other words, there are plenty of people who have plenty of money, who have more money than they ever had before, and who are able to 'live better,' as the current phrase has it, than ever before despite the diminishing purchasing power of the dollar. These people are spending their money freely on the things that they desire and the people who sell those things are charging as much for them as the people who want to buy those things are willing to pay. So long as the latter are willing to pay what they are paying now, the prices will not come down."

"This is not especially encouraging for that very considerable body of people who have not shared in the flood of gold that has filled so many pockets. They have no more money than they had five or ten years ago and for them the high prices are in many cases prohibitive. There is no relief in sight for them yet, except in the sense that prosperity for great classes of the nation, such as the farmers and the wage-earners, benefits in the long run the nation as a whole. But in this thought there is more than a grain of comfort."

The upward tendency of prices is still tending upward. Many increases have been noted very recently and more yet to come. There is little indication of the price of anything coming down. Take, for instance, local conditions: A week or so ago, the doctors of Lancaster announced that their fees hereafter would be 100 per cent greater than heretofore. Here is an advance in the price of an abso-

lute necessity, not a luxury. Last week the barbers of the city announced increases in their prices; and the jitney drivers have come out with an increase of ten cents per passenger, charging thirty-five cents instead of twenty-five. The News does not wish to be construed as criticizing these advances; all of them may be necessary; we do not doubt that they are. But the only reason for advances in price that one hears these days is that everything else has advanced, which may be a fair equalization, provided that everything else has really advanced.

The price of a shoe shine is ten cents; it used to be five. If the boot-black finds that the public is willing to pay fifteen cents, he would be standing in his own light if he did not advance the price to fifteen cents. That's the principal nowadays which is regulating prices.

## LACKING IN SERVICE.

Very recently the order has been promulgated that the Lancaster office of the Western Union Telegraph company shall open at 8:30 a. m., and close at 6:30 p. m. It was bad enough before, by all means, when the closing time was 8 p. m., but to close at 6:30 is more than the people of Lancaster ought to stand for. The News has commented frequently on the miserable service afforded here by the telephone and telegraph, as well as the mails, but there has been hope of improvement and the telegraph actually has shown some improvement until this late order for early closing, which more than offsets whatever change for the good has taken place.

In the matter of mail service, the early Sunday morning train has at last begun to bring the morning papers into Lancaster. True, they lie at the depot until the train from Columbia at 10:15 arrives, but even that is better than waiting until after dinner, or the arrival of the 1:17 train. An inspector from the post-office department here recently assured some citizens of Lancaster that the early morning Sunday train would soon bring in your mail, but he didn't say that this mail would be permitted to remain at the depot nearly two hours after its arrival.

Long distance telephone in and out of Lancaster could be no worse than it is, and these three public service institutions should be made the target for a number of well-defined complaints at the hands of the people of the city. In that way only can the service be improved. If the Western Union is made to know that the people will not stand for such an early closing hour, as that recently announced, it will be changed. Likewise, the mail and telephone service may be greatly improved by well directed complaints to the proper officials.

It is beyond doubt that there is adequate room for improvement in the mail, telephone and telegraph service in Lancaster.

## A FAIRFIELD COW.

Here is a story which the Chester News credits to the Winnsboro News and Herald, with some misgivings. With equally as many, we pass it along with the statement that there is no law requiring a newspaper reader to believe all he reads:

"Just seven years ago, the temporary editor of this paper was campaigning for office and stopped at Bob Lewis' house in Longtown. It being hot, he took off his vest, in which he had a fine watch, and, laying it on a fence in the back yard. A calf chewed up a pocket of the garment containing the watch. Last week Dr. Pollard was called to see a sick cow down there. It turned out to be the same calf and the time piece was found in such position between the lungs that the respiration—the closing in and the filling of the lungs—kept the stem winder wound up and the watch had lost but one hour in seven years."

"The watch was removed by Dr. Pollard and the cow is doing well."

A man is commonly either made or marred for life by the use which he makes of his leisure time.—Shaw.

## The Best Joke.

(From the Cincinnati Enquirer.)  
John Deasy, the Cincinnati attorney, claims that the oldest joke is the one about the school janitor who quit his job. He was asked why he quit, and he replied: "Well, I'm an honest man and don't like to be surr'd. On Monday I saw on a black-board in one of the schoolrooms this notice: 'Find the least common multiple.' So I hunted all over for it and I couldn't find it. Then on Tuesday on the same board I found this notice: 'Find the greatest common divisor.' So I says to myself that one of them is lost and they'll be accusing me of taking them, so I quit."

George Bausewine, Jr., of Williamson, W. Va., claims that the oldest joke is the one about the man who came home unexpected in the afternoon. He looked all over the house for his wife, but couldn't find her. He heard a noise in the cellar and went down. Here he found a colored woman doing the family laundry work.

"Have you any knowledge of my wife's whereabouts?" asked the man.

"No, sah!" replied the colored woman. "They wasn't in the wash this week."

Nodge, of Oxford, Ohio, claims that the oldest joke is the one about the old sea captain and his first mate who came ashore into a greasy little eating house to get a meal. They ordered soup and the waiter brought two bowls of weak-looking liquid. The captain tasted the stuff and then said: "Hey, waiter, what is this stuff?" "That is soup," replied the waiter. "Soup!" exclaimed the captain. Then he turned to the mate and said: "Just think o it Bill! Here you and me have been sailing on soup all our lives add didn't know it."

Joe J. Unger, general manager of the Triangle Film company, of New York, claims that the old joke is the one about the Irishman who got a job as an attendant at a booze cure establishment. The house physician brought the Irishman into a room in which a patient suffering from delirium tremens was strapped to a bed. "Now," said the physician, "if this man sees snakes again give him a dose of this medicine and it will quiet him. I'll be in and see him in the morning." The physician came around in the morning and the patient was raving. "How long has he been this way?" asked the physician. "All night, sor," replied the Irishman. "But didn't I tell you to give him this medicine if he saw snakes again?" demanded the physician. "But he didn't see any snakes," replied the Irishman. "All he said was purple giraffes on roller skates and

## BUSINESS NOTICES

WANTED—A farm on public road, near school, not less than 200 nor more than 1200 acres. Home-seeker, Box 27, Camden, S. C. 11

FOR SALE—Four full Duroc Jersey sows. Will farrow real soon. C. L. McManus, Lancaster, S. C., Route 2. 77-41

## \$25.00 Reward

FOR CAPTURE AND RETURN TO  
CHAIN GANG OF ESCAPED  
CONVICT

James Dunlap, who escaped from chain gang camp in evening of Tuesday, July 1st, 1919, was sentenced in last March term of court to serve four years on chain gang for breaking into Bennett-Terry Company's store. He is about five feet, four inches tall, dark, ginger cake color; looks as if he didn't have much sense; walks talks and works very slowly; slightly flat nose.

A reward of twenty-five dollars will be paid for this convict's return to the chain gang camp at Lancaster S. C.

JOHN P. HUNTER,  
Sheriff  
H. H. KESTER,  
County Engineer.

—SEE—  
**Gregory Bros**  
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—FOR—  
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Trucks and  
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red, white and blue monkeys with green eyes."

Billy Byrne, the Covington (Ky.) attorney, claims that the oldest joke is the one about the Irishman who had a run of hard luck and decided to commit suicide. A man discovered the Irishman a few hours later. He had a rope tied around his waist and was dangling from a tree.

"What are you doing?" asked the man.

"I'm hangin' myself," replied the Irishman.

"You can't hang yourself by putting the rope around your waist," said the man. "You should put it around your neck."

"Och!" replied the Irishman. "I tried it that way, but I couldn't breathe."

## MOONEY DECLARED UNFAIRLY CONVICTED

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that such a course would "not be compatible with the public interests." The secretary estimated the total cost of the Mooney investigation at not more than \$7,150.

Conjectures regarding what the government might further do to aid Mooney were revived as a result of the submission of the report to congress. Since Mooney was convicted on a charge of violating a state law rather than a federal statute, it would be beyond the power of the federal government to do more than request California authorities to pardon him or give him a new trial. His sentence already has been commuted by Governor Stephens from death to life imprisonment.

## MEXICO IS AGAIN IN THE LIMELIGHT

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his statement that he had received no reports of any Mexicans in Carranza uniform having been found.

General Erwin referred the Fall statement to Col. R. H. S. Tompkins, commander of the Seventh Cavalry, who made this statement:

"I have troops stationed at Ysleta, Fabens and Fort Hancock on the border patrol and they have been stationed there for about five months. During that time I have had no reports of my troops crossing the border or having killed any Carranza soldiers or officers."

Condensed Statement of Condition of	
The Bank of Lancaster	
At Close of Business June 30, 1919.	
RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts . . . . .	\$ 793,638.34
City Bonds . . . . .	10,000.00
Liberty Bonds . . . . .	388,110.00
Furniture and Fixtures . . . . .	2,450.89
Real Estate . . . . .	16,042.18
Cash on hand and in Banks . . . . .	186,582.07
	<b>\$1,396,823.48</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital . . . . .	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Profits . . . . .	140,500.00
Dividends . . . . .	2,500.00
Reserve for Taxes . . . . .	3,500.00
Deposits . . . . .	\$848,373.48
Bond Deposits . . . . .	261,950.00
	<b>\$1,396,823.48</b>

"It is possible that Senator Fall has confused the Big Bend district with the El Paso district in making this statement," General Erwin added. "That district is commanded by Col. George T. Langhorne and is patrolled by the Eighth Cavalry. I do not get reports from that district."

## WIFE OF "HARD BOILED" OFFICER WANTS DIVORCE

San Diego, Cal., July 24.—Mrs. Marguerite Michel Smith has filed in

the superior court a petition asking for a divorce from Lieut. F. H. Smith, who was given the sobriquet of "hard boiled" by the men of the American army. She alleged brutal treatment. Smith's career as commander of prison camp No. 2 in France recently came in for congressional investigation.

666 quickly relieves Constipation, Biliousness, Loss of Appetite and Headaches, due to Torpid Liver.—Adv.

# Watch Out

WATCH for the return of our MR. HARRY HIRSCH and MRS. MINNIE MEYERS who have gone to the Northern Markets for the benefit of the HIRSCH STORES and THEIR customers.

We are going to show a FULL LINE of UP-to-DATE Ready-to-Wears for both sex at a price which will make you wonder—"HOW WE DO IT."

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